

3. The Commission conducted an investigation and learned that on February 27, 2009, the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District had issued Clayton a "Notice of Unprofessional Conduct, and Recommendation for Suspension without Pay for three days." According to school district reports Clayton, *"Made inappropriate comments and threatened a student, and also failed to follow proper school procedures, while dealing with an incident involving a student."* On April 17, 2009, effective June 12, 2009, Clayton resigned his employment with the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District as part of a settlement agreement with the school district.
4. On June 26, 2009, the Commission received Clayton's C-1 application for Oregon licensure; his application was signed and dated by on June 26, 2009. Clayton made false statements on this application when he answered "No" to character questions: 1, *"Have you ever left any educational or school-related employment, voluntarily or involuntarily while the subject of an inquiry, review, or investigation of alleged misconduct or alleged violation of professional standards of conduct or when you had reason to believe such investigation was imminent?"*; and character question 3, *"Have you ever failed to complete a contract for educational services in any educational or school-related position, or for any alleged misconduct or alleged violation of professional standards of conduct been placed on leave by your employer or left such employment prior to the end of the contract term?"*

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Clayton's conduct described above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Knowing falsification of any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional duties*).

The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby suspends Keith Ryan Clayton's right to apply for a teaching license in Oregon for a period of thirty (30) days, to begin upon the date this order is signed and in effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 12th day of October, 2012.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 

Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

1 NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS
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3 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE OBTAINED
4 BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER.
5 JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF
6 APPEALS.